

GLENBURN - 209 Glenburn Avenue

Glenburn was built sometime in the mid 19th century by Benjamin Gaither, who was given a portion of the tract of Glasgow as a wedding present by his father-in-law Dr. Robert Tubman. This frame house was originally built facing south. Apparently the house was much smaller at that time, having only the one chimney toward the north. The Crowells added on a living room with an additional fireplace, and changed the entrance of the house to the east facade, resulting in the unusual arrangement of a center entrance hall, flanked by an external chimney on either side. The interior has been altered extensively, although the original staircase facing north-south still remains.

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NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Glenburn				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 209 Glenburn Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Carl L. Veach				
STREET AND NUMBER: 209 Glenburn				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #) Liber RSM 67/Folio 94				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Glenburn, built after 1830, was originally facing south with the expectation that Travers Street would be extended. Apparently the house was much smaller at that time having only the one chimney toward the north. When the street did not go through, the next owners of the house changed the entrance to the east facade, adding on the present front door and portico, as well as the living room, one additional chimney and one porch on the south. The house underwent further alterations when purchased by the present owner and her now deceased husband in 1949. The main portion of Glenburn is a rectangular frame block of two and one half stories with a hip roof. There is a protruding bay on the north where the staircase is located and a brick addition has been added to the rear. The front facade is three bays long. The paneled front door has a transom and sidelights with diamond shaped panes and wood muntins and is enframed by fluted pilasters. In front of the door is a pedimented gabled portico. On either side of this portico are the two chimneys. The original weatherboard has been covered with aluminum siding. The interior of the house has been altered considerably, although the original staircase facing north-south still remains. On the north of the entrance hall is the dining room and on the south is the living room added by the second owners of the house. The dining room was in original condition when purchased by the present owner in 1949, but the present woodwork is all new. The original pine floors were taken out because they were badly warped. The fireplace molding in the living room is original, but the room has been made seven feet longer.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

In 1830 Dr. Robert Tubman, a prominent physician from the southern part of Dorchester County, came into possession of Glasgow. Some years later he gave to his son, Benjamin Gaither, as a wedding present a portion of the tract which he called Glenburn. This house was built with the expectation of facing Travers Street but the street never went through. Thus the original front facade was on the south. The Crowells built on a living room with an additional fireplace. They also added a porch on the front and the side, changing the entrance to the east facade, but leaving the original transom which was over the front door facing the stairs. The house was next bought by Mr. Audry Jordam, who brought his bride here, where they lived for the rest of their lives. During their lifetime there were two fires caught from the chimneys just a few years apart. In 1949 Carl L. Veach bought the property from his daughter Margaret. He rebuilt the house as it now stands. The original wide pine boards, covering the floors, were badly warped and were thus removed. The original transom was removed and seven feet added to the living room. Part of the porch was removed and replaced with a brick entrance. All of the brick portion of the house was also added.

Significance:

Although this house has been altered considerably, it is one of the few examples in Cambridge of late Federal style architecture. It is a well-maintained and attractive home.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Swepson, Earle, The Chesapeake Bay Country,
 Thornsum-Ellis Co., Baltimore, Md. 1929
 Lascowski, F. Arthur, Papers,
 Veach, Mrs. Carl L., present owner of the property

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Catherine L. Moore,

ORGANIZATION

DATE

1/6/76

STREET AND NUMBER:

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Glenburn
Cambridge, Maryland

RSM 67/94

Add the following to Cathe Moore's material:

Glenburn is not as old as is generally thought. There was a house on this lot from the middle nineteenth century, but it was probably torn down or incorporated into the present house. This structure was built between 1887 and 1895 by J.W. Crowell, who operated a grist and saw mill and one of the early oyster packing houses in Cambridge in the late nineteenth century. In 1887, Crowell bought seven acres of Glenburn that already contained a modest dwelling house. By 1895, Crowell had improved it into a substantial home assessed at \$2,000.00. Crowell sold the house in 1899. If the house's entrance was originally facing southwest in the expectation of Travers Street coming through, then the house had to have been built in the late nineteenth century. Travers Street did not exist in 1877 and was not laid out until 1900.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

Dorchester County Office Building, Cambridge, Maryland

Assessment Records.

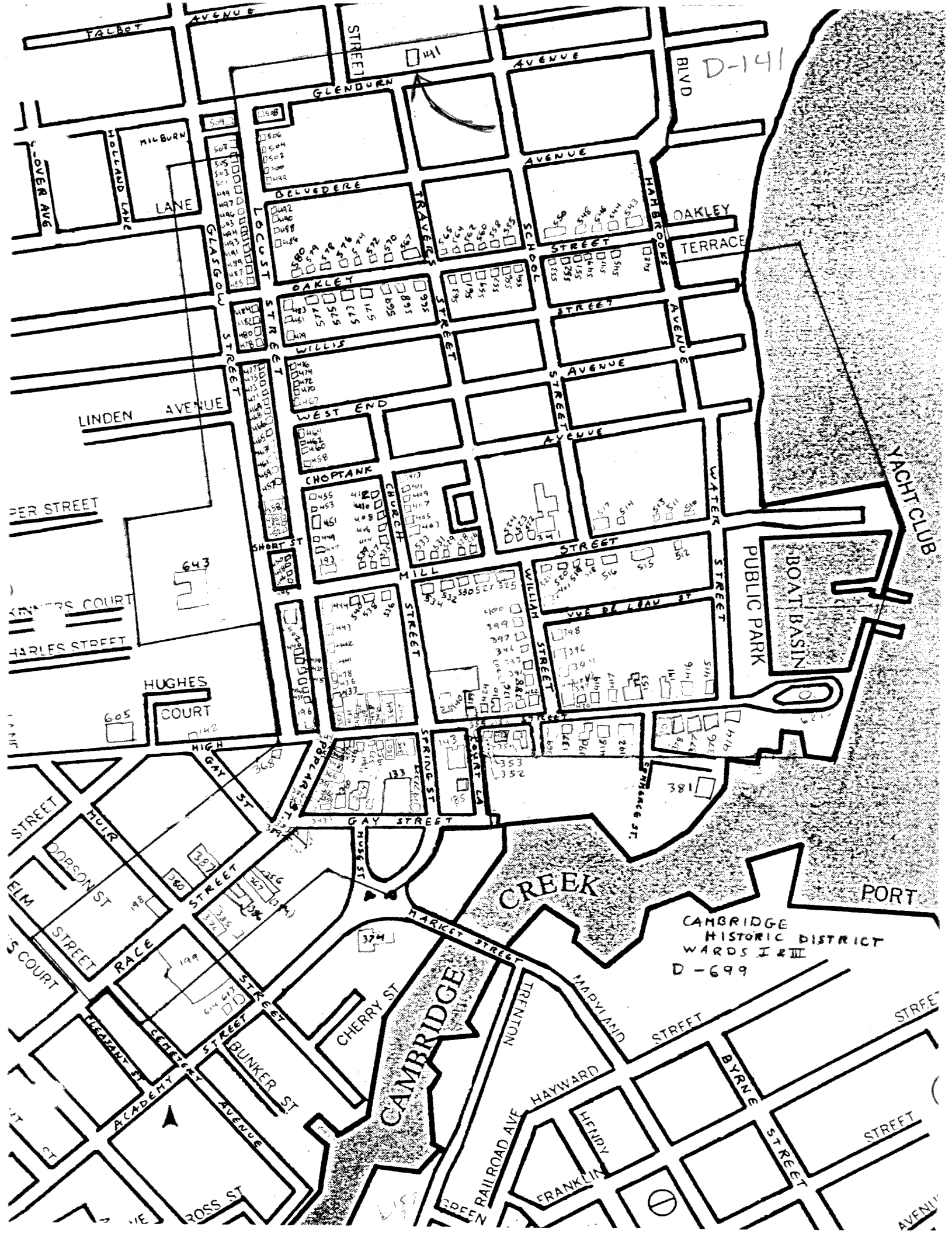
Interview, Mrs. Carl Veach, 209 Glenburn Avenue, Owners.

Lake, Griffing and Stevenson, An Illustrated Atlas of Talbot and Dorchester Counties, Md., Philadelphia: H.J. Toudy, 1877.

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